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527 CMR 19.00: TENTAGE

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19.01: Definitions

For the purpose of 527 CMR 19.00, the following word shall mean:

Tentage, any mobile or portable temporary shelter designed to protect persons from the elements, all or a portion of the covering of which is made of fabric or other pliable materials. This includes but is not limited to the following: camping tents, play tents, fold-out tents and campers, pop-up tents and camping trailers, recreational vehicle awnings, dining flies and canopies, fabric on screen houses, add-a-rooms, and ice fishing tents.

19.02: Scope

- (1) The design and construction of tentage with floor areas 120 square feet or less shall comply with 527 CMR 19.00.
- (2) The design and construction of tentage with floor areas in excess of 120 square feet shall comply with 780 CMR.
- (3) The operation and use of all tents shall comply with the applicable sections of 248 CMR, 527 CMR, and 780 CMR.

19.03: General Requirements

- (1) No person shall sell or keep for sale any tentage as such term is defined in 527 CMR 19.00 unless all pliable material contained therein passes the applicable tests described in NFPA 701 or otherwise conforms to 527 CMR 19.03(4).
- (2) Each lot of flame retardant material accepted by any wholesale or retail distributor of tentage within the Commonwealth shall be accompanied by a written certification from the supplier stating that it meets the flame retardance requirements of NFPA 701 and giving the lot number and yardage therein.
- (3) A label or labels containing the following information shall be permanently affixed to each item of tentage:
 - (a) Certification: A statement that the materials used in the manufacture of the item meet the flame retardance requirements of NFPA 701.
 - (b) Manufacturer's Identification: An identification of the manufacturer of the item unless

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the item bears a private label, in which case it shall identify the private labeler and shall also contain a code mark which will permit the seller of the item to identify the manufacturer thereof to the purchaser upon request.

(c) Serial Number: A number enabling the manufacturer to identify, from his records, the supplier and supplier's lot number of the material used in the item. The manufacturer shall also maintain records identifying the person or firm to whom he sold each numbered item. He shall further maintain records identifying those items manufactured from each lot of certified material for a period of four years.

(d) Care Information: Precautionary instructions designed to protect the item from agents or treatments known to be detrimental to the flame retardant properties of the material and to warn against the introduction of high heat sources.

(4) Tentage which is not manufactured or fabricated in accordance with NFPA Standard 701, and is not certified and labeled in conformance with 527 CMR 19.03(2) and 19.03(3) may be manufactured, sold, or kept for sale within the Commonwealth, provided:

(a) That each item of tentage bears a conspicuous label with the words:

"CAUTION -- FLAMMABLE MATERIAL -- DO NOT EXPOSE TO FLAME, SPARK, OR ABNORMAL HEAT SOURCE";

(b) That each box, carton or other outer packaging of tentage bears a label with like warning as required by 527 CMR 19.03(4)(a).

(c) That the lettering on the labels required by this rule shall be at least as conspicuous as bold-faced standard type in capital letters not less than 24 point in size and its background shall be of sharply contrasting color;

(d) That the labels required by 527 CMR 19.03 shall be securely and permanently affixed to the item of tentage and outer packaging.

19.04: Referenced Publications

Documents or portions thereof that are referenced within 527 CMR 19.00 shall be considered a part of the requirements of 527 CMR 19.00. Refer to 527 CMR 49.00 for a complete listing of all documents referenced in 527 CMR.

REGULATORY AUTHORITY

527 CMR 19.00: M.G.L. c. 148, §§ 10 and 28.